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1. SUMMARY: IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT DRAMATIC INCREASE IN BILATERAL TRADE, THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS AS FIRST CHOICE ON A TRADE-OFF FOR THE PROPOSED PAN CENTER A MODEST COMMERCIALY-ORIENTED CENTER IN KATOWICE. VIA THIS TELEGRAM THE EMBASSY WISHES TO CLARIFY PROPOSALS NOW PENDING BETWEEN US AND POLISH GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF "CENTERS" IN THE RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

2. (A). PAN CENTER IN THE U.S.: (REF B) ALTHOUGH MINISTER KACZMAREK, IN HIS MEETING WITH DR. OWEN (REF C), STATED THAT AN AGREEMENT EXISTED ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A POLISH SCIENTIFIC CENTER IN THE U.S., THERE IS NO COMMITMENT FROM OUR SIDE. THIS POINT WAS MADE CLEAR IN DR. OWEN'S RESPONSE TO KACZMAREK AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO DR. ANDRZEJ GROMEK, DIRECTOR OF PAN'S OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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DURING AMEETING OCTOBER 19 WITH DR. CHARLES ZALAR, SFCP PROGRAM MANAGER, NSF. NO DIRECT LINKAGE HAS EVER BEEN MADE OF THIS PAN CENTER PROPOSAL TO ANY OTHER OF THE POLISH PROPOSALS FOR CENTER OR INSTITUTE PROJECTS

OUTLINED BELOW. ALTHOUGH IT IS SURE THAT REFERENCE WAS MADE BY MINISTER KACZMAREK TO THE WARSAW UNIVERSITY "AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER" DURING THE DR. OWEN VISIT AND THAT THE SAME PROJECT WAS ALSO PART OF DR. DAVID'S SEPTEMBER 1972 COMMUNICATION TO KACZMAREK (REF A), WE DO NOT BELIEVE, ON THE BASIS OF CONVERSATIONS HERE, THAT THE GOP INTENDS FOR THESE TWO PROJECTS TO BE PART OF A QUID PRO QUO ARRANGEMENT.

(B). PAN INSTITUTE OF STUDIES ON THE U.S.: THIS WAS ORIGINALLY STARTED BY PROF. MARIAN MAREK DROZDOWSKI OF PAN'S HISTORICAL INSTITUTE. THE PROJECT RECENTLY HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY PROF. JAN SZCZEPANSKI, WHO INFORMED EMBOFFS THAT THE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY INSTITUTE WOULD CONDUCT AND COORDINATE VARIOUS RESEARCH STUDIES ON THE U.S. SZCZEPANSKI IS VACATIONING, BUT PROMISED EMBOFFS THAT UPON HIS RETURN TO WARSAW HE WOULD OUTLINE IN DETAIL THE SCOPE AND PROGRAM OF THE PAN INSTITUTE. HE SAID THAT PROF. JERZY WIATR WOULD ASSIST HIM IN THE PROJECT. OUR VERY SKETCHY INFORMATION ON THIS PROJECT SUGGESTS THAT IT MIGHT BE SIMILAR TO ARBATOV'S USA INSTITUTE IN THE USSR. IT MAY BE THAT THE POLES WOULD ACCEPT AMERICAN SCHOLAR PRESENCE AT THE INSTITUTE, BUT WE WOULD NOT, IN ANY CASE, CONSIDER SUCH MERE PRESENCE AS BEING EQUIVALENT TO THE SOLELY POLISH-STAFFED PAN SCIENTIFIC CENTER IN THE U.S.

(C). BROMKE'S INSTITUTE OF NORTH AMERICAN STUDIES: PROF. ADAM BROMKE, CARLETON UNIVERSITY, PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT AMERICAN/CANADIAN INSTITUTE AT PAN, WITH STAFFING BY POLISH AND AMERICAN SCHOLARS. ALTHOUGH WE FIND BROMKE'S PROPOSAL INTERESTING, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT HIS CHIEF UNRESOLVED PROBLEM IS FINANCIAL SUPPORT, ERGO, HIS HOPE THAT THE USG WOULD SUPPORT HIS IDEA. WE SEE NO POINT IN PURSUING THE BROMKE PROPOSAL FURTHER, AS IT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN PRE-EMPTED BY PAN'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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OWN NEW INITIATIVE UNDER PROF. SZCZEPANSKI'S DIRECTION. WE DO NOT RULE OUT THAT PAN MAY INCORPORATE SOME OF BROMKE'S SUGGESTIONS, SINCE IT APPEARS PAN IS TRYING TO BRING VARIOUS INITIATIVES UNDER ONE ROOF AND CONTROL. BROMKE'S NAME HAS NOT BEEN MENTIONED BY SZCZEPANSKI IN OUR FEW DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM.

(D). CENTER FOR AMERICAN CIVILIZATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW: THIS PROJECT WAS INITIATED BY RECTOR RYBICKI. THE CENTER WOULD BE STAFFED BY AN AMERICAN DIRECTOR AND VICE DIRECTOR. IT WOULD NOT BE CONCERNED AS MUCH WITH RESEARCH AS WITH GENERAL LECTURES,

FILMS, SEMINARS, ETC., AIMED PRIMARILY AT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS. RYBICKI HAS REQUESTED THAT THERE BE NO DIRECT EMBASSY INPUT IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTER IN ORDER TO AVOID ALL GOVERNMENTAL INVOLVEMENT, PARTICULARLY HIS OWN. WE UNDERSTAND THAT INDIANA UNIVERSITY IS INTERESTED IN UNDERTAKING SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS "PRIVATE" INSTITUTIONAL EXCHANGE. RYBICKI IS EMPHATIC IN SENYING A LINKAGE EXISTS BETWEEN HIS PROPOSAL AND THE KACZMAREK/PAN SCIENTIFIC CENTER PROPOSAL. IN OTHER WORDS, THE UNIVERSITY DOES NOT WANT TO BE PART OF ANY QUID PRO QUO INVOLVING PAN.

(E). POLISH CHAIR AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY: COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY'S INSTITUTE ON EAST CENTRAL EUROPE APPROACHED PAN TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "POLISH CHAIR" AT COLUMBIA. PROFESSOR JAN SZCZEPANSKI REPORTEDLY WAS INVOLVED IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS ALSO. HOWEVER, PAN HAS NOT YET RESPONDED TO COLUMBIA'S INITIATIVE. PAN PROBABLY IS HOLDING THIS PROJECT IN RESERVE IN CASE THE PAN SCIENTIFIC CENTER PROPOSAL IS NOT SUCCESSFUL.

3. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE PROPOSALS, THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT SOME CONFUSION COULD ARISE IN ANY DISCUSSIONS OF QUID PRO QUOS. FOR THIS REASON, WE HAVE REVIEWED AND DESCRIBED EACH PROPOSAL. WE ARE INCLINED TO SEEK A TRADE-OFF WHICH WOULD BALANCE THE RATHER EXTENSIVE ACTIVITIES ENVISIONED FOR THE PAN CENTER (REF B). HOWEVER, AS WE SEE NO EASING OF THE BUDGETARY AND PERSONNEL PROBLEM FOR CULTURAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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ACTIVITIES, THE DETERMINATION OF OUR TRADE-OFF DEPENDS ON THE PRIORITY WE ATTACH TO THE EXPANSION OF OTHER U.S. ACTIVITIES IN POLAND AND THE POSSIBILITY OF STAFFING AND FUNDING IN THE REASONABLY FORESEEABLE FUTURE. THE FOLLOWING IS OUR RANK ORDERING OF POSSIBLE TRADE-OFFS IN RETURN FOR THE POLISH PAN CENTER IN THE U.S.:

(A). KATOWICE CENTER: WE BELIEVE A SMALL COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN POLAND'S INDUSTRIAL HEARTLAND COULD HAVE HIGH POTENTIAL FOR ENCOURAGING US BUSINESS THERE. MAJOR FUNCTIONS WOULD INCLUDE: FACILITATING CONTACTS FOR U.S. BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES; MAINTAINING A COMMERCIAL REFERENCE LIBRARY, CATALOGS, AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO POSSIBLE POLISH CUSTOMERS; PROVIDING CONFERENCE ROOM AND DISPLAY AREA FOR US FIRMS; AND REPORTING TRADE OPPORTUNITIES, AND CONDUCTING BASIC MARKET RESEARCH. IT WOULD ALSO BE AVAIALBLE FOR US-SPONSORED SEMINARS, LECTURES AND OTHER EVENTS. THE CENTER WOULD BE STAFFED PERMANENTLY BY A SMALL NUMBER OF

LOCAL EMPLOYEES, PREFERABLY TRAINED AT THE WARSAW TDTIO.

(B). CULTURAL CENTER IN GDANSK: GIVEN THE PAN
CENTER'S BROAD RANGE OF ACTIVITIES AND LARGE POLISH
STAFF, WE BELIEVE THE OPENING OF A U.S. CULTURAL CENTER
IN GDANSK WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE RECIPROCAL TRADE-OFF.
HOWEVER, UNLESS THE USIA IS WILLING IMMEDIATELY
TO REALLOCATE SCARCE FUNDS AND RESOURCES FOR THIS
PURPOSE,

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